ritories are covered in the plan; and

(c) the details of amount sanctioned to the States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The current phase of the National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP), being prepared with the assistance of the FAO and UNDP, aims to establish strategies by means of which the National Forest Policy, 1988 can be implemented. The priority areas for strategy formulation are protection of existing forest resources, increasing forest productivity, reducing total demand for wood and wood products, strengthening policy and institutional framework and expanding forest area.

(b) All the States and Union Territories are being covered under the National Forestry Action programme.

(c) Allocation of funds to the States and Union Territories does not arise in the current phase of the NFAP.

राजभाषा विभाग का वार्षिक कार्यक्रम

*222. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा मंत्रालयों, केन्द्रीय सरकार के कार्यालयों, उपक्रमों तथा अन्य विभागों में राजभाषा के कार्य हेतु कोई वार्षिक कार्यक्रम जारी किया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस बात की जांच की है कि विभिन्न मंत्रालयों द्वारा इस कार्यक्रम का पालन किया जाता है; और

(ग) जहां इस कार्यक्रम का पालन नहीं हो रहा है, वहां इसके पालन के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस०बी० चव्हाण): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) तथा (ग): वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के लक्ष्यों के पालन के संदर्भ में तिमाही प्रगति रिपोर्ट मंत्रालयों/विभागों से मांगी जाती है। वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन की वार्षिक मूल्यांकन रिपोर्ट तैयार की जाती है और इसे प्रति वर्ष संसद के दोनों सदनों के पटल पर प्रस्तुत किया जाता है। लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति में पाई गई कमियों की ओर ध्यान दिलाते हुए सुधार के लिए प्रभावी कदम उठाने के लिए संबंधित मंत्रालयों/विभागों से अनुरोध किया जाता है।

Crimes in Delhi

*223. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crimes in the Capital have been on the increase in the past few months, the target in many cases being the old couples; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last one year and the steps taken to ensure security to such old couples in the capital, so as to instil confidence among the people?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Crime in the capital has shown a general decline in the past few months. The number of reported cases pertaining to murder, attempt to murder, robbery, kidnapping/abduction, rape, dowry deaths and burglary have shown a decline in the six months ending February, 1995 as compared to the figures for the preceding six months. There has, however, been an increase in the number of cases of dacoity, theft and murder of old couples.

The number of cases reported under major heads of crime, and murder of old couples, during the last one year (1.3.94 to 28.2.95) is given in the statement. (*See* below)

The Government has taken several steps to check crime in Delhi. These include increased patrolling, posting of pickets at strategic points, strengthening of intelligence machinery, frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals, increased surveillance, coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring States, training of police officers in handling modern weapons, introduction of scientific methods of investigation, modernisa-

tion of communication network, etc.

The steps being taken to prevent incidents of attacks on elderly citizens/couples in Delhi are as under:—

(i) A senior Citizen's Security Scheme is in vogue whereby senior citizens are being identified, beat-wise, in every police station. Beat Staff of the Police Stations frequently visit these senior citizens to offer them advice on security steps to be taken by them and to reassure them. They are advised in these visits to install home security devices like magic-eye, door-chains, burglar alarm, to raise the height of boundary walls, to fix iron grills on doors and windows and to have the antecedents of their servants/ domestic help verified, etc.

(ii) During the beat and division patrolling, special vigil is maintained around the residences of senior citizens.

(iii) The antecedents of servants and other domestic help, working with old persons, are verified.

(iv) The Chowkidars of the area have been briefed to keep an eye on the residences of this category of persons.

Statement

Period	Dacoity	Murder	Attempt to Murder	Robbery	Kidnapping/ abduction	Rape	Dowry Deaths	Burglary	Theft	Murder of couples
1.3.94 to 28.2.95	15	479	478	374	1064	312	149	1621	13737	5

Computerisation of Post Offices in Karnataka

*224. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to computerise post offices in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of post offices computerised so far; and

(c) the number of post offices proposed to be computerised during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The Department's programme of activities envisaged under the 8th Five Year Plan includes induction of appropriate technology to make the postal services totally modern. Services across postal counters being an important area of customer-interface, computer-based counter machines have been envisaged as one of the important initial schemes for modernisation of post office. This scheme, being implemented in phases, also covers Karnataka.

137 postal counters in 54 post offices in Karnataka have so far been provided with computer-based counter machines details of which are given in statement. *(See* below*)*

In order to optimize the benefits of computer based counter machines the Department is implementing a programme of complete modernisation of counter work and the front office in selected post offices in the country. Under this programme, Museum Road Post Office and Rabindranath Tagore Nagar Post Office in Bangalore have been fully computerised. Four more post offices in Karnataka circle are to be covered under this programme during 1994-95 and these post offices are: Rajaji Nagar Head Office,